

Improvement of the Roads approaching Sravanabelagola.

*Q.—657. Sri S. SIVAPPA (Sravanabelagola).—

Will the Government be pleased to state :—

(a) whether it has come to the notice of the Government that 'Mahamastakabhisheka' at Sravanabelagola will take place during the month of February 1965, where more than half a million people are expected to visit that place;

(b) if so, what are the arrangements made by the Public Works Department to improve the roads approaching Sravanabelagola;

(c) the nature of work that they have taken on hand;

(d) the progress of work achieved so far?

A.—Sri VEERENDRA PATIL [Minister for Public Works].—

(a) Yes.

(b), (c) & (d) Details as furnished in the Statement of Road appended.

STATEMENT

(i) *Channarayapetna-Sravanabelagola* :—It is asphalted 12' width throughout the length of 7 miles. An estimate of Rs. 10.00 lakhs for improving and to widen the asphalted surface to 22' and construction of two bridges, has been sent to Director of Tourism, Government of India.

(ii) *Kikkeri-Sravanabelagola Road* :—An estimate for Rs. 72,000 has been prepared for asphalting this road, and tenders are under consideration in the Division Office.

(iii) *Hirisave-Sravanabelagola Road* :—This is a non-P. W. D. road. Formation has been taken up under Rural Communication.

(iv) *Nagamangala-Sravanabelagola Road* :—This is recently taken over by P. W. D. Metalling has been done. It has been arranged to recoat with metal this year under the usual Special Repair grants. Asphaltting will also be undertaken after consolidating the same.

(v) *Anegola-Sravanabelagola Road* :—This road is recently taken over by P. W. D. About 2 miles length has been metalled for the first time. The remaining lengths are being formed under Special Repair grants.

(vi) *Arsikere-Channarayapetna-Sravanabelagola Road* :—It is partly asphalted. It is proposed to be fully asphalted before the Mesthakabhisheka. Metal collection is being done.